(b) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that the boundary wall was completed, breaches were plugged and the Hon'ble High Court was informed accordingly on 5.1.1993 and 6.1.1993.

(c) A strip along the boundary wall on park side is being used by the jhuggi dwellers for defecation.

(d) The Delhi Development Authority has requested the police authorities to take necessary action in the matter.

Efficient working of VSAT Network

2105. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to upgrade all the terrestrial backbone links to 64K for efficient working of the VSAT network (SATWAN);

(b) which are the links which have been upgraded to 2Mbps; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to provide better quality of service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The Department of Electronics has applied to the Department of Telecommunication for upgradation of terrestrial backbone links to 64Kbps and 2Mbps. Other steps towards providing better quality of service include upgradation of access links through radio links and more dialup ports.

Functioning of the N.E.C.

2106. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some suggestions were made in the recent meeting of the N.E. Council for improvement in its effectiveness of functioning;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of allocation of funds made to different States during the preceding three financial years by the N.E. Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Some important suggestions made in the 40th meeting of North Eastern Council (NEC) for improvement in its functioning are given as under:—

(i) There is need for strict monitoring for effective utilisation of NEC funds.

(ii) NEC should take steps to guide the Region in formulation of the projects.

(iii) Monitoring and Evaluation of NEC projects was emphasised.

(iv) NEC should be delegated with greater powers for formulation of schemes and higher allocation of funds.

(v) Restructuring of NEC.

(c) The details of funds released to different North Eastern States during the last three years by NEC are given at Statement (*see* below).